

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/730,755	KAGAWA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jingge Wu	2623	

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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 10/14/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-8 and 10-11 renumbered as 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Reasons for Allowance

Applicants' response to the last Office Action, filed October 14, 2004 been entered and made of record.

The rejection of claims 1, 9, and 12-24 are rendered moot by Applicant's rejection.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 3-4, 10 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 2, 5-8 and 11 depend from claims 3-4, and 10 respectively, therefore, are allowed.

Independent claim 3 recites the limitations of : the conversion characteristics settling means calculates the conversion characteristics data by adding or subtracting the value corresponding to the value of the conversion characteristics designation data to or from the coefficients among the coefficients for the calculation term effective for the selected color, among the calculation terms effective just for the specific hues. The combination of these features as cited in the claims in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Independent claim 4 recites the limitations of : means for selecting one of the two adjacent colors toward which the hue of the selected color is to be shifted; and means for selecting the degree by which the hue of the selected color is to be shifted toward the selected one of the adjacent colors. The combination of these features as

cited in the claims in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Independent claim 10 recites the limitations of : the matrix calculator is responsive to the hue data, the first comparison-result data, and the second comparison-result data, and performs matrix calculation those data, in accordance with the conversion characteristics from the coefficients for the selected color, among the calculation terms effective just for the specific hues. The combination of these features as cited in the claims in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The closest references of US 5917959 to Kagawa et al. discloses a color conversion system for converting RGB to RGBCMY. However, he does not teach the limitations of cited above

In view of the amended claims and the Applicant's arguments , the rejections to claim 2 are expressly withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9588. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TC customer service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (703) 308-6604.

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